

1. (Currently Amended) An [E]nergy routing device [containing at least one] comprising:

a first energy routing chain [(7)] of attached links [that are linked one under the other  
another around vertical axes to the] defining a longitudinal direction of the energy  
routing chain [(7), and where] wherein a first end [(8)] of the energy routing chain  
[(7) can be attached] is attachable to a fixed location and [the second end (14) can  
be moved at least in the] wherein a second end of the energy routing chain is  
movable in a longitudinal direction[; also it includes] the first energy routing  
chain having a carrying side [(15)] and a returning side [(9)]; [arranged between  
them is] and

at least one central appliance [(16) that can be moved back and forth] movable in the  
longitudinal direction of the first energy routing chain [(7), characterized by the  
fact that the] , the central appliance [(16, 34, 53, 71) has] having an effective  
connection with the carrying side [(15) so that during this effective connection,]  
such that the central appliance [(16, 34, 53, 71)] is moved along solely by the  
carrying side [(15)] during the effective connection.

2. (Currently Amended) The [E]nergy routing device [according to Claim 1, characterized by  
the fact] of claim 1, wherein the effective connection is a frictional connection.

3. (Currently Amended) The [E]nergy routing device [according to Claim 1 or 2, characterized  
by the fact that the central application (16, 34, 53, 71) has] of claim 1 wherein the central  
appliance comprises rolling elements [(54, 73)].

4. (Currently Amended) The [E]nergy routing device [according to Claim 3, characterized by the fact that the rolling elements (17) include] of claim 3, wherein the rolling elements comprise wheels.

5. (Currently Amended) The [E]nergy routing device [according to Claim 3 or 4, characterized by the fact that the rolling elements include] of claim 3 wherein the rolling elements comprise rollers.

6. (Currently Amended) The [E]nergy routing device [according to any one of Claims 3, 4, or 5, characterized by the fact that at least two] of claim 3, wherein at least two rolling elements [(73)] are joined together by a substantially rigid axis [(79)].

7. (Currently Amended) The [E]nergy routing device [according to any one of Claims 3 to 6, characterized by the fact that at least] of claim 3, wherein the rolling elements [(17, 54, 73) are made of at least one] are formed of plastic material.

8. (Currently Amended) The [E]nergy routing device [according to any one of Claims 3 to 7, characterized by the fact that] of claim 3, and further comprising a truss connected to at least one of the rolling elements [(17, 54, 73) are connected to at least one truss (55, 72)].

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9. (Currently Amended) The [E]energy routing device [according to Claim 8, characterized by the fact that at least one] of claim 8, wherein the truss [(55, 72)] is formed by a [profile (80, 81)] structural member having a first leg and a second leg joined at a right angle to the first leg.

10. (Currently Amended) The [E]energy routing device [according to any one of Claims 1 to 9, characterized by the fact that] of claim 3 wherein the rolling elements comprise at least one effective connection element [(17, 54, 73) and/or at least some links have elements] for forming an effective connection.

11. (Currently Amended) The [E]energy routing device [according to any one of Claims 1 to 10, characterized by the fact that] of claim 1 wherein the central appliance [(16, 34, 53, 71), especially the rolling elements (17, 54, 73) are suitable to be moved on the bottom side (18)] is movable on a bottom side of the carrying side [(15)].

12. (Currently Amended) The [E]energy routing device [according to any one of Claims 1 to 10, characterized by the fact that the central appliances (16, 34, 53, 60, 71) can be routed in] of claim 1, and further comprising at least one guiding duct [(56)] running longitudinally to the energy routing chain.

13. (Currently Amended) The [E]energy routing device [according to Claims 12, characterized by the fact that the guiding duct (56)] of claim 12, wherein the guiding duct is formed by [at least one duct profile (57)] a duct profile.

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14. (Currently Amended) The [E]energy routing device [according to Claim 13, characterized by the fact that the] of claim 13, wherein a cross-section of the duct profile [(57)] is substantially L-shaped [or U-shaped].

15. (Currently Amended) The [E]energy routing device [according to any one of Claims 1 to 15, characterized by the fact that central appliances (60) have] of claim 1, and further comprising: at least one return motion unit [(65)] which can be brought into contact with an inner side of [the curvature area (64)] a curvature area of the energy routing chain.

16. (Currently Amended) The [E]energy routing device according to Claim 15, [characterized by the fact that the contact occurs within a contact area which is substantially at the same height (H) as the] wherein the return motion unit contacts the inner side at a height equivalent to a center of curvature [(KM)] of the curvature area [(64)].

17. (Currently Amended) The [E]energy routing device [according to Claim 15 or 16, characterized by the fact that the return motion device (65) has] of claim 15, wherein the return motion unit comprises at least one, preferably tiltable, contact unit [(66)].

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18. (Currently Amended) The [E]energy routing device [according to any one of Claim 1 to 17,  
characterized by the fact that it has two] of claim 1, and further comprising:

a second energy routing [chains (32, 33) whose] chain, wherein the respective first ends  
of each energy routing chain are adjacent to each other [and whose];  
wherein the respective second ends [(38, 39) can] of each energy routing chain may be  
moved together[,]; and [that]  
wherein the central appliance [(34)] is arranged between the [two] first and second  
energy routing chains [(32, 33)].

19. (Currently Amended) The [E]energy routing device [according to at least one of Claims 1 to  
18, characterized by the fact that it has] of claim 12, and further comprising:

a channel [(1)] with a floor [(15) that] wherein the floor includes two flanks [(4)]  
extending in a substantially longitudinally horizontal direction to the energy  
routing chain.

20. (Currently Amended) The [E]energy routing device [according to Claim 19, characterized by  
the fact that] of claim 19, wherein the channel contains the [guidance duct for the central  
appliance (34)] the guiding duct.

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21. (Currently Amended) The [E]energy routing device [according to Claim 20, characterized by the fact that] of claim 19, wherein the floor [(15) of the channel] is located in a part of [the length of] the channel [(1) that is] opposite to the returning side [(9) regarding the first end (8)] of the energy routing chain, and wherein the floor [(15) of the channel is basically] is at the same level as [the upper side (13)] as an upper side of the returning side[, thereby creating the routing].

22. (Currently Amended) The [E]energy routing device [according to claim 20 or 21, characterized by the fact that the guidance] of claim 19, wherein the guiding duct is formed by the flanks [(4)].

Please add the following new claims:

23. (New) The energy routing device of claim 13, wherein a cross-section of the duct profile is substantially U-shaped.

24. (New) The energy routing device of claim 6 wherein the axis and rolling elements are formed of one piece of plastic.